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SUBJECT : UAE PARTICIPATION ON R/V ATLANTIS CRUISE

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES RESPONSE REFTEL RE UAEG PARTICIPATION ON R/V ATLANTIS CRUISE. WE HAVE BRIEFED MR. AL-MUSADDI ON CONTENTS REFTEL. WE HAVE TOLD HIM THAT WE ASSUME IF HE ARRIVES DURING WORKING DAY ANYTIME FROM FEBRUARY 3-5 HE WOULD BE ABLE TO BOARD R/V ATLANTIS DIRECTLY, AVOIDING NEED FOR HOTEL ROOM. PLEASE CONFIRM IF THAT CORRECT. AL-MUSADDI HAS ASKED IF WE COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH PHONE NUMBER IN KARACHI OF MACKENNON AND MACKENZIE TO FACILITATE CONTACT. ASSUME CONGEN KARACHI CAN PROVIDE IF INFO NOT AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. AL-MUSSADI AGREEABLE TO ARRANGEMENTS RE EXPENSES. ASSUME SHIP WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH PORK FREE DIET AS HE IS MOSLEM. NO OTHER RESTRICTIONS.

2. FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND ON AL-MUSADDI FOR INFORMATION SHIP'S PERSONNEL: NAME: MUHAMMAD HUSNI AL-MUSADDI; SYRIAN NATIONAL; HAS WORKED IN UAE AS PETROLEUM ENGINEER (DRILLING) FOR LAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS; EMPLOYER IS ABU DHABI DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM; UNIVERSITY EDUCATION WAS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHERE HE
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GRADUATED 1962 AFTER SIX YEAR PROGRAM--ONE YEAR LANGUAGE, FIVE YEARS ENGINEERING. PRIOR TO ATTENDING UNIVERSITY, AL-MUSADDI WORKED FOR FIVE YEARS AS TEACHER IN SYRIA. THAT SHOULD MAKE HIM IN MID-FORTIES BUT HE LOOKS OLDER. AL-MUSADDI'S ENGLISH IS ADEQUATE. HE CLAIMS TECHNICAL VOCABULARY IS BETTER.

3. AL-MUSADDI HAS NEVER BEEN INVOLVED IN EXERCISE SUCH AS R/V ATLANTIS BEFORE AND READILY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HIS FIELD OF EXPERTISE IS NOT PARTICULARLY RELEVANT. GOVERNMENT SELECTED HIM HOWEVER SO HE WILL GO. WE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT UAEG HAVING BEEN INFORMED WE WOULD ACCEPT PARTICIPANT DECIDED INVITATION SHOULD BE ACCEPTED. OBVIOUSLY AL-MUSADDI WILL NOT BE GREAT SCIENTIFIC ASSET TO CRUISE, BUT HE APPEARS TO BE MILD, PLEASANT MANNERED INDIVIDUAL. WE HOPE THAT BOTH HE AND HIS FELLOW PARTICIPANTS WILL ENJOY THE CRUISE AND LEARN FROM IT.
DICKMAN

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